

I agree with the ARRL that the old Novice spectrum should be refarmed. However, I disagree with the ARRL proposed usages. I would prefer to see all the segments, 50 KHz on 80/40 meters, and 100KHz on 15 meters, designed for digital voice mode operations ONLY. This will encourage digital voice experimentation on virgin spectrum where it will not interfere with existing SSB communications. I suggest a 200 watt output power limit to help prevent any wideband interference to analog modes. I also believe that the FCC should set a 10 KHz maximum bandwidth limit to the -30 dB signal points to encourage spectrally efficient voice modes to be developed.

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